

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0555

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

CINCPACREP CANBERRA

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AS

SUBJ: GOA BACKGROUNDER ON MINDANAO SITUATION

REF: MANILA 3069

1. IN RESPONSE TO RICHARDSON ARTICLE REFERRED TO PARA  
1 REFTEL, DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN PUT OUT  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS BACKGROUND TO PRESS ON MARCH  
16. A) THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN MANILA DID RECEIVE  
A NOTE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES ALONG  
WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASEAN COUNTRIES AND OTHER  
SEATO MEMBERS. THE ADVICE IN THE NOTE WAS OF AN INFOR-  
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MATION KIND AND REQUIRED NO RESPONSE BY GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE NOTE HAD TO DO WITH THE PHILIPPINE VIEW OF THE INTERNAL SITUATION OF MINDANAO. AND B) DFA SPOKESMAN SAID THAT GOA COULD NOT SEE CIRCUMSTANCES ARISING FROM THE PRESENT SITUATION IN WHICH AUSTRALIA COULD BECOME INVOLVED MILITARILY UNDER SEATO.

2. DFA PRESS SECRETARY INFORMED EMBOFF MARCH 19 THAT INTENTION OF ABOVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION WAS TO EMPHASIZE THAT NOTE RECEIVED BY AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY REPRESENTED GOVERNMENT OF PHILIPPINE' S VIEW POINT.  
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